She Made the Trumps and He Approved of Her Decision.

They had been partners at the card party all the evening, and naturally he became her escort home. "I held such poor hands during the series of games that I would enjoy holding better ones now," he said as he reached gently for hers.

"If you had a different partner," she said after a mild and ineffectual resistance, "you might have held better hands during the game and afterward.

"But you were such a good one then and such a good one now," he insisted, "that I want you to be my partner all through the game of

For a brief instant her hands struggled to be released. "I am afraid I do not know how to play my cards," she said smilingly.

He drew her tenderly toward him and said, very low, very earnestly, "I want you to help me the best you can to play whatever eards Fate may deal us.

Timidly she looked up into his face and whispered, "If I play with you may I name the trump?"

"Yes, yes," he said-"always and always.

"It shall be a diamond for awhile," she said slowly as she looked far away into the mysteries of the starry sky.

"I shall play the ace tomorrow," he said exultingly as he tried to draw her toward him.

But she repelled him until she said, "And cafter that it shall be hearts for all the years that are yet to come-hearts for every minute of the time that shall blossom between us and eternity."

"Yes," he said, stooping as she came unyieldingly toward him, "hearts of love, trumps that shall win always and always while you and I are partners, my dear."-New York Times.

Habit Was Too Strong.

The force of old associations, as Samuel Beverly learned one Sunday morning, is something against which to be on guard. After thirty years of service as a railroad man, chiefly in the capacity of conductor, Beyerly had retired and was spending his days quietly in his native town.

Just after he had taken his accustomed seat one morning in church he was requested to perform the duty of an absent deacon, by assisting in taking up the collection. He was proceeding decorously along the aisle with the plate when, half way down the aisle, he came to the Atkinson pew. On this morning Mrs. Atkinson's Uncle Harvey, who happened to sit next the aisle, had dropped off into a pleasant little nap.

When Beverly espied the old man. he unconsciously doffed the demeanor suited to the place and in a twinkling became official. He tapped the sleeping man on the shoulder.

"Ticket, please!" he demanded, sharply and audibly.

Irish Courtesy.

'An Irishman has oftentimes such particular regard for the feelings of a stranger that rather than contradict him he will appear to acquiesce in many things that he could not be expected to believe. I said he will appear to acquiesce. A tourist who was sailing upon Loch Erne once wished to test the alleged character of Irishmen for politeness. Now. there was a regular squall on, and at a moment when the old boatman was engrossed and had all his energies bent to keep the little craft before the wind the inquisitive one, leaning over to the old boatman, shouted in his ear, "Very little wind today!" "Very little indeed," was the reply, "but what there is of it is mighty strong."—Leslie's Magazine.

The Malay Fishers.

Crew of Malay fishing vessels in the Indian ocean are thus described by a traveler: "Some of the Malays have not bad features, but others again are awful looking villains. Every one has his creese, or a sort of chopper, at his side, and with bright red lips and black teeth, caused by chewing the betel nut, looks anything but inviting or fascinating. The crew live principally on rice and the fish they catch. They carry a lot of cocoanuts and cocoanut oil, and apparently for a luxury a sort of sweetmeat made of a coarse treacle and rice mixed together and firmly pressed into bamboos."

Equal to the Emergency.

An old admiral well known for his power of exaggeration was describing a voyage at supper one night. "While cruising in the Pacific." said, "we passed an island which was positively red with lobsters."

"But," said one of the guests, amiling incredulously, "lobsters are not red until boiled.'

"Of course not," replied the un-daunted admiral, "but this was a volcanic island with boiling springs."

-- A man is never driven to drink by what his wife doesn't say.

- A woman always tells you it is foolish to worry-but she worries just the same.

- Time is of no value to a man who fails to use it.

-- Possibly the popularity of air they attacked the Jamaica negroes pastles is due to the fact that they are not taxable.

He who lives up to his wife's expectations is always busy.

J. C. Keys Back From Panama.

(Greenville News.)

"Well, I'll tell you, the worst thing about Panama is that they keep a grave ready and open for you all the time," said J. C. Keys, shortly after he arrived here yesterday from the canal zone, via New York.

"There is no denying it, these holes in the ground will come into a fellow's mind as soon as he experiences the slightest pain or ache, and when he is flat on his back with a case of yellow fever, they look worse than the bottomless pit itself."

Mr. Keys is well known in Greenville and his friends were delighted to welcome him home from the Isthmus, where he holds a position with the United States government. The sea voyage of seven days has restored his health and strength to a great extent, and from his appearance one would never suppose that he had only been out of the government hospital at Ancon ten days, having recovered from an attack of yellow fever in its most severe type.

"I never knew that I had the disease antil I was getting well when the doctors told me. I had my suspicions, though, for I knew something about the treatment. It is not very pleasant to think about, but those fellows had cablegrams to my father all written and ready to send off announcing the fact that J. C. Keys was dead. I got the better of them and the fever, too, and later sent the message "I sail today," which looked a lot better to

"Don't get the idea that the government, I mean our government, has anything to do with those open graves. It hasn't. They are there simply as a custom of a peculiar people and country. Such a thing as buying a ot in a cemetery at Panama or Colon s rarely known. They are not for sale, but to rent. For a certain sum your bones are allowed to rest six months. At the end of that time, your relatives and friends must put up another stipend, or the place will be reopened and the cremation process substituted. That accounts for the open receptueles, which are used time and again.

"But with it all, l'anama is not so bad as some have painted it. The government is doing a mighty work against the fever and in the course of time things will be clean, and no expense is spared in its efforts to make the men comfortable. W. C. Gorgas. the physician who cleaned up Havana, is in charge. Thousands of dollars are being spent in fumigation and disinfection, and gradually the diseases are being cut down. The talk of bubonic plague amounts to nothing. Malarial fever is no worse than in this country, and in the end yellow fever will be practically disposed of, it is believed."

Speaking of the work n the canal, Mr. Keys said: "About seventeen miles of the canal has been dug so that launches can traverse it. All of this was done by the French. The distance across the Isthmus is fortyseven miles. Work is now going on at the worst point, known as Culabra Hill, where there has to be a cut of 600 feet in depth. This is likely to be the last part completed. Seven miles have been completed from Panama on the Pacific, and twelve . from Colon on the other side. While the Isthmus is hilly and mountainous but few hills will have to be cut. The labor is being done by Jamaica negroes."

Asked about the people and the country, Mr. Keys said: "The inhabitants are mostly negroes and mulatos. There are some whites, who are of Spanish descent, and there is also a show of Indian blood. The better class are white, and some are well educated and refined, but as a rule the people are illiterate and immcral. The business men are nearly all Jews. There are a large number of Chinese merchants who are making money. These came to work on the canal under the French.

"In Panama, which is a city of 20,000 inhabitants, there is only one Protestant church. That is the only one on the Isthmus, so far as I know, with the exception of an Episcopal church at Colon. The rest is Roman Catholic.

"On the hills the country is very healthy. The government has one of its hospitals at Ancon, which has an excellent climate and is just back of the city of Panama. In the town garbage cans are used, and the streets are regularly cleaned. Inspectors are numerous and a sewerage system is being installed. Colon, the other terminus of the railroad and the canal, is a city of 5,000 on the Caribbean

"When it comes to an army and a police force, the republic of Panama has them.

The soldiers and the policemen are one and the same, and it takes four to make one good policeman. They used to carry big guns and swords, but nowluse night sticks. Not long ago just for something to do."

Mr. Keys has entirely recovered from the effects of the fever and has with him a certificate from the chief man than ten books.

sanitary officer. He is rather proud of the fact that he is an "immune." With a number of others he returned from l'anama, coming across the Isthmus on the Panama railroad to Colon, where the Advance was boarded for the trip to New York. He will return in six weeks to resume his

Smallest Engine.

The smallest stationary engine in the world, as far as its maker can learn, rests entirely on a five-cent piece. It is owned and was made by John II. Cunningham, a jeweler of Eaton, which is a small town ten miles north of Muncie. Cunningham has a fad for making miniature machinery.

The little engines operates at a remarkable rate of speed under a pound of steam. So small are some of the parts that a magnifying glass is necessary to make a proper examination of them. The screws that hold the parts together are made from needles, the threads being so fine as to defy the naked eye. The screws are a fraction of a millimeter in diameter. The flywheel measures about three eighths of an inch in diameter. It was turned from steel by Cunningham, who says it is the largest wheel that the engine will turn.

The engine has one-sixteenth of an inch stroke, the cylinder head measures one-eighth of an inch in diameter, while the capped cylinder head measures a fourth of an inch. The striking boxes are packed with lint. scraped from silk thread, cotton being too coarse for the purpose.

Cunningham cannot estimate the power of the little contrivance whose team is generated in a boiler made from a hand bicycle pump and heated by a gas jet. The engine thus far has never been able to overcome greater resistance than that furnished by the flywheel.

The engine was first built on a fivecent piece, and Cunningham has now mounted the coin and engine on a small stand. The piping of the engine is a small copper wire drilled out in the centre and running to the boiler, which is several times the size and weight of the engine.

Confirmed the Judge's View.

Judge Kennedy of the Newton police court, although a model of courtesy on the bench, never fails to nail a lie, especially if the falsifier is on trial for a crime.

An old offender was arraigned be fore him, charged with drunkenness. When the complaint had been read the defendant bravely answered, "Not guilty." The judge, eyeing him sharply, inquired: "How long since you were drunk?" The prisoner answered that he hadn't taken a drink for more than a year.

"That's not true," replied his hon-"I saw you drunk within a month on the street in Boston, and you had

the impudence to accost me." "Did I spake to you, sor?" asked the prisoner.

"You did," said the court. "Well, thin, I must have been drunk, yer Anner."

No one in the court room enjoyed the incident more than the judge.-Boston Herald.

Jefferson Denied The Alligator.

The late Joseph Jefferson told the following story on himself. The incident occurred at Palm Beach, Fla., last winter, not more than 500 yards away from the actor's pretty

An unique figure at this resort is 'Alligator Joe," a half-breed trapper and guide, who is a picturesque and uncouth character. A northern woman, newly arrived, had evidently heard of the human landmark, and was out looking for him, but the only fisherman on the pier that morning happened to be Mr. Jefferson. He was old enough for the part, and he them. looked extremely uncouth ir his fishing garb.

The newcomer said; "Are you not

Alligator Joe?' " Jefferson's merry eyes twinkled, and as he glanced up quickly, he said: "I confess to the Joe, madam, but I deny the alligator.

No Doubt of His Honesty.

It is only a few years since Woonsocket missed for good the familiar face of Alf Church, for a long time deputy sheriff and chief of police, a man who was straightforward and blunt in all his dealings.

One day a grocer went to Alf for information about a certain Joe White, who had applied for credit and a book at his store, and the following dialogue

"Good mornin', Mr. Church." "Mornin'." "Do you know Joe White?"

"Yes." "What kind of a fellow is he?" "Putty fair."

"Is he honest?" "Honest? I should say so. Been arrested twice for stealing and acquit-

ted both times."-Boston Herald. - It is more profitable to read one The Saving Habit.

Have you a bank account? If not, why not?

Your wages are small? Demands are large? Saving is impossible? l'ardon us, saving is not impossi-

ble. The saving may not be large. It may be pitifully small at the first with my husband?" said the woman. trial; but the saving will be a beginning, and it will grow. There are several reasons why you should have a to be water brash, or pyrosis, as we bank account, however modest it may doctors call it. He must be more

First of all, some day you will need work, a slight turn in the wheel of fortune-what will you do?

content and peace of mind. He who has some savings feels more secure than does the spendthrift. Discontent and worries dog the footsteps of the man who lives up all his income. But the big reason is this: The saving habit is reflex in its action. It is an index of character. It is easy to spend money. It requires effort to save it. The flabby minded man lets

go his money recklessly. The strong

man resists the temptation to spend

more than he can afford and in resist-

ing this temptation, grows stronger. Nor need one grow stingy and hardhearted. There are many inducements for a young man, especially, to let go of his money. He is urged in a hundred ways to squander his hard-carned dollars foolishly. He who resists is laying the foundation for a strong business character.

There are thousands, especially in the cities, who, drawing good salaries, gauge the outgo by the income. They do not save a cent. And it is usually these who envy the successful and point to the latter as lucky ones, whereas it is true that the foundation of every fortune has been laid in the habit of small savings.

Go to the bank and start an account. however small it may be. It is the habit of saving that is more important ! than the saving itself. Get the habit.

A Family Article.

It was in a large public school 'Mary, you must throw away that chewing gum. I cannot stand it any longer!" exclaimed the teacher to a little ragged, dark-skinned girl of foreign extraction, says Judge.

The chewing ceased. A short time afterward, however, Mary with thoughts intent up. something else, forgot, and the chewing began vigorouely again.

"Mary, didn't I tell you to throw away your chewing gum? Bring it to

"Please, ma'am, it belongs to Aunt Hattie, and if I don't give it back to her tonight she'll lick me."

Two Sides to the Medal.

Everybody knows the woman who says society is such a bore. Few of us know her intimately, for, in point of fact, she does not go about much. I ran across her at a friend's house the other day and marked her languid air. The hostess was indiscreet enough to refer to it, and even the teacups shuddered with horror at the woman's reply.

"Yes," said she, "paying calls is so tiresome."

"Oh." responded the hostess, "but think how much more tiresome it is to receive them."

And the teacups scored one for the hostess.

- When a man bas to read an old love letter he wrote he feels cheaper than when his hat blows off in a windstorm.

- An honest man neither buys others por sells himself. - Poverty is a hard nurse, but she

raises healthy children.

- It takes a girl to rub her cheeks to take paleness out of them and hold her hands above her head to put it in

A Correct Diagnosis.

An exchange tells of an old colored woman who called on a doctor to prescribe for her husband. The following is the conversation between the woman and the doctor:

"What did you say was the trouble

"I said," replied the doctor, "that the most annoying symptom seems careful regarding the food he eats."

"Dat am just what the matter with some ready money. Sickness, loss of him-pierosis," said she. "He's the biggest han for pie you ebber see. He eats most three pieces ebery meal. Another reason may be found in It surely am pierosis he am suffering with.'

As a Boy.

"This, ladies and gentlemen, is the most remarkable collection of relics in the world," said the lecturer. "Here, for instance, is the skull of Alexander the Great," he announced, impressively, holding up a small skull selected at random from a pile on the table in front of him.

"But I always understood that Alexander the Great was a large man," spoke up a gentleman in the audience.

"Quite so," replied the showman. "What I am showing you is the skull of Alexander the Great when a boy.' -Harper's Weekly.

Real Beauty.

A reply which was at once wise and witty is said to have been made by a gentleman to whose decision in regard to a certain matter two pretty young girls appealed. They were discussing the question as to what constitutes beauty in a hand and differed greatly in opinion. At last they referred the matter to the old man; of whom they were both very fond.

"My dears," said the old gentleman, with a kindly smile, "the question is too hard a one for me to decide. But ask the poor, and they will tell you that the most beautiful hand in the world is the hand that gives the most freely."

-- A girl never gets too big to kiss

- A man enjoys a baseball game al

- A square meal three times a day for the men is the corner stone of domestic life. - It's awful queer how you can't

recognize a familiar shape when it is in a bathing suit. - Men keep a great deal of money out of losing investments by not hav-

ing it to invest. - A woman's gown never tells the truth, a bathing suit seldom lies about

her figure. - A woman's idea of modesty is letting you see more of her than her

clothes pretend you can. - A woman's idea of a great sorrow is having a husband who won't admit that there's anything in his past to confess.

- A girl can dance seventeen miles in a right with high-heeled slippers on and it would kill her to walk to a prayer meeting. - A man can lose a lot of money in

the stock market, and he may get some of it back; what he drops on becoming engaged is gone forever. - Hope enables a man to accom

plish wonders-in his mind. - A man seldom has to work over-

time to make a fool of himself. - Where there is a man's will there is a woman's way to break it.

- Honeysuckles and the sweet girl graduates bloom simultaneously. - During the courtship a young

man is never out of danger till the girl says "No" three times. - Some girls proceed to catch on

and marry-then implore the divorce judge to help them let loose again.

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